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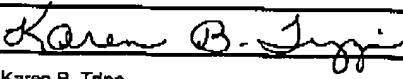
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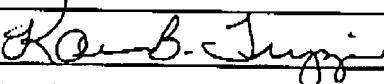
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper; and
- **Conclusion** begins on page 7 of this paper.

No fee is believed due for this amendment and no extension of time is believed needed for this response. However, the Commissioner is requested to grant any extension of time determined to be due and is authorized to charge the fee for same and any other fees that may be due for this application (including any fees determined to be due for the amendment) (except the issue fee) to undersigned's deposit account, 50-0807.

Please amend the application as follows: